PRODUCTION OF HIGH-PURITY ALKYL ESTER OF NITROUS ACID

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PURPOSE:To suppress formation of impurities and to obtain the title high-purity compound simply, inexpensively and in high yield by reacting a nitrite with an aliphatic monohydric alcohol while adjusting pH of the reaction solution with nitric acid instead of sulfuric acid. CONSTITUTION:4-6C aliphatic monofunctional alcohol is blended with an aqueous solution of an alkali metal salt (preferably sodium salt) of nitrous acid and maintained at 0-30 deg.C, preferably 0-15 deg.C while stirring. An aqueous solution of nitric acid is dripped to the mixed solution until the pH value of the water phase of the prepared reaction solution becomes 1-3. After the water phase of the prepared reaction solution is separated and removed, the organic phase is washed with water until the washed solution becomes pH >=4.

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